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TULARE COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

County of Tulare  
2800 W Burrel Ave. # 102  
Visalia, CA 93291-4541



Dear Producer,

You are receiving this letter because I want to ensure you understand the new conservation compliance provisions necessary to receive crop insurance premium subsidy through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC). Farm Service Agency (FSA) records indicate you may not have form AD-1026 on file with USDA, which certifies compliance with the highly erodible land conservation (HELC) and wetland conservation (WC) provisions because of a previous HELC violation. Beginning February 7, 2014, the 2014 Farm Bill re-linked the HELC and WC provisions to eligibility for crop insurance premium subsidy, and therefore form AD-1026 must be on file to retain USDA benefits.

To continue to be eligible for premium subsidy on any Federal crop insurance policy, including specialty crops, livestock, and pasture, you are required to file form AD-1026 with your local FSA county office by June 1, 2015. If you do not have form AD-1026 on file with FSA by June 1, 2015, you will not be eligible for premium subsidy on any Federal crop insurance policy that has a sales closing date on or after July 1, 2015. You may still purchase a crop insurance policy, but you would be responsible for paying the full premium.

The conservation compliance provisions, tied to the eligibility for Federal crop insurance premium subsidy, allow producers previously out of compliance with HELC, two reinsurance years to come back into compliance. Therefore, producers in this situation have two reinsurance years to work with NRCS to develop and implement a conservation plan. During this two year period, producers will continue to remain eligible for the crop insurance premium subsidy if form AD-1026 is on file.

If you do not have form AD-1026 on file or do not know whether you have an AD-1026 on file, and you are a current Federal crop insurance participant, I urge you to visit your local FSA county office in advance of June 1, 2015. The FSA staff will be available to assist you in completing the form.

You can find your local FSA county office at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>. Additional information about Federal crop insurance and the HELC and WC provisions is available at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) and by clicking on the link "Conservation Compliance Requirements for FSA Programs".

Sincerely,

Val Dolcini  
Administrator